

the United States in the global war on terrorism. During Operation Iraqi Freedom, Kuwait provided vital assistance to the United States and its coalition partners, including access to airports, port facilities and bases.

During Operation Iraqi Freedom, Kuwait was subject to attack by twenty ballistic Iraqi missiles. Despite these attacks, Kuwait was unwavering in its support of the United States, providing us with protection and basing support for our troops. In addition, since the end of the major hostilities with the Saddam Hussein regime, Kuwait has stepped forward to provide substantial humanitarian assistance to Iraq in support of coalition goals.

I am pleased that Prime Minister Al-Sabah has this opportunity to visit. I thank him for his work in building the friendship between our two countries.

IN RECOGNITION OF PORT CLINTON, OHIO'S 175TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2003

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, on September 20, 2003, Port Clinton, Ohio will mark its 175th anniversary. The town along the shores of Lake Erie will celebrate this milestone with a daylong party featuring historic re-enactors, old-fashioned food and contests, a parade and fireworks. The city will pay tribute to its fishing and boating heritage focusing on a display of vintage Lake Erie boats, fried fish dinners, and a giant walleye shaped birthday cake.

In our nation's infancy, New York statesman and the father of the Erie Canal DeWitt Clinton suggested a canal from the Portage River in Northwest Ohio down to the Ohio River in Cincinnati. Although the canal was not built, four years later in June of 1828, Ezekiel Haines founded Port Clinton at the proposed canal's beginning. He named the town he founded in honor of DeWitt Clinton in tribute to Mr. Clinton's vision. The town lay on the Eastern edge of Northwest Ohio's Great Black Swamp and was home to many tribes of Native Americans who hunted and fished its marshes and waterways. Fishing was the mainstay of the town's first settlers, and remains so today.

The city has many marinas, and boats were built in Port Clinton until 1974. Although they are no longer built in the community, Port Clinton's marinas are home for many commercial and recreational boats and the docks of the Port Clinton Fish Company are still in service. Even though it has developed through the decades into a commercial center and home to business, industry, and tourism, Port Clinton has never lost its flavor as a small lake town. Superbly situated between Lake Erie and beautiful natural refuges, Port Clinton remains an idyllic waterfront community. I join with its residents in proudly sharing its 175th birthday.

HONORING STATE REPRESENTATIVE VINCENT PEDONE

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2003

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Vincent Pedone, State Rep-

resentative of the 15th Worcester District of Massachusetts, who is being honored as the "Grand Marshal" by the Worcester Columbus Day Parade Committee for 2003.

State Representative Pedone is currently serving his sixth term as a State Representative from Worcester. He serves on the House Ways and Means Committee and is Vice Chairman of the Science and Technology Committee. State Representative Pedone works hard for his constituents; whether securing funding for various economic development projects or delivering services to the most vulnerable citizens in his district. Upon his election in 1993, State Representative Pedone made the following commitment to the people of the 15th Worcester District, "I will work as hard as I can to represent you in a professional, ethical, and honorable way".

State Representative Pedone grew up in the neighborhood he now serves, the grandson of Italian and Irish immigrants. Just recently he and his wife Toby became parents for the first time. Together, they renovated the house that his grandfather built on East Park Terrace, and they plan to raise their family in the community they love so much.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure that the entire U.S. House of Representatives joins me in congratulating State Representative Vincent Pedone for this high honor.

RECOGNIZING JESSE D. McCALL, JR. FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2003

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jesse D. McCall, Jr., a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, troop 692, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jesse has been very active with scouting, participating in many troop activities since starting in Boy Scouts in second grade. Jesse has earned 34 merit badges, and served as a scribe, patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader, tribesman, and a brave in the tribe of mic-o-say. He has also been involved in other activities, including student senate, youth group, sports, and band.

For his Eagle Scout project, Jesse painted 331 yellow striped lines and 8 handicap spaces for St. John La Lande Church parking lot.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jesse D. McCall, Jr. for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING NORM MOLL

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2003

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, for 36 years, agriculture in Lucas County, Ohio, has had a

friend in Norm Moll. As 2003's harvest approaches, it seems a fitting time to look back on Norm's service with the county office of the Cooperative Extension Service, from which he has now retired.

Norm Moll's life has been spent in agriculture, from his boyhood on a livestock farm in Fulton County. He holds graduate and undergraduate degrees in horticulture, and has studied biometrics and the marketing of produce. He served as the chief of the Lucas County Extension office since 1980. Under his extremely capable tenure, the office developed the Agricultural Business Enhancement Center, Master Gardener initiative, gypsy moth suppression to save the region's oak savannah, urban horticulture opportunities, and development projects with 4-H, community garden clubs, greenhouses, and the agricultural community. His expertise was sought by people far afield, and methodical planning was his hallmark. His contributions to agricultural research and development leading to valued-added agriculture include: rebirth of the Toledo Farmers Market; innovations for new crops, tomatoes, vegetables and livestock; and initiation of the "glasshouse.com" website as a new marketing site of our region's greenhouse industry.

Now in retirement, Norm Moll will have the time to devote to his own horticultural pursuits. His Toledo, Ohio yard will bear the fruits of his labor as our community learns to move forward without his effective quiet countenance. We wish for him a retirement full of all those things he most enjoys and with those for whom he cares. We extend a deep and sincere thank you to Norm for his life of service to our country and community.

NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2003

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today for the purpose of recognizing all small businesses as part of National Small Business Week. This week we honor the small business owners across the nation who work to make our country strong.

Small businesses represent the backbone of the American economy and are the key to economic stimulus. Small business accounts for 99.7 percent of the nation's employers, employing 52 percent of the private work force, contributing 47 percent of all sales in the country and 50 percent of the private gross domestic product.

This year, Congress has passed legislation that provides new tax incentives to make it easier for small businesses to make job-creating investments and given small business owners more power to provide health care for their employees. It is important that Congress continue to champion legislation designed to encourage this shared prosperity.

Again, it is my pleasure to recognize the men and women who run and own small businesses. Let's continue to support hardworking American workers and entrepreneurs by encouraging small businesses growth.